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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION SEMINAR ON GSP

REF: EC BRUSSELS 1089

1. AT END OF THREE-DAY SEMINAR/VISIT TO PARAGUAY BY E.C. GROUP HEADED BY VAN THINH TRAN, AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON CUSTOMS PREFERENCES FOR NATIVE HANDICRAFT (ARTISANIA) TOOK PLACE BETWEEN EC REPRESENTATIVES AND PARAGUAYAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. SINCE PROVISION FOR DUTY-FREE ENTRY INTO COMMON MARKET FOR NATIVE HANDICRAFT ALREADY EXISTED UNDER EC'S GSP, THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES WAS PURE FORMALITY INTENDED TO GIVE IMPORTANCE TO THE VISIT.

2. PARAGUAYAN AMBASSADOR TO THE EC SALOMONI CHAIRED THE SEMINAR. IT WAS EVIDENT, AS REPORTED REFTEL, THAT ALTHOUGH HE ATTACHED CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO VISIT BY EC GROUP, SAME DEGREE OF INTEREST WAS NOT SHARED BY REST OF GOP, OR BY BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

3. GSP SEMINAR WAS SPARSELY ATTENDED, ESPECIALLY  
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BY PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES. FROM QUESTIONS

ASKED DURING SEMINAR AND COMMENTS MADE SUBSEQUENTLY  
BY LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS, IT IS CLEAR THAT THERE IS  
BOTH LITTLE UNDERSTANDING OF GSP AND LESS INTEREST IN  
POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES TO BE GAINED.

4. CONSIDERING LACK OF INTEREST SHOWN IN EC COMMISSION  
SEMINAR, EMBASSY BELIEVES LITTLE WOULD BE ACHIEVED BY  
ATTEMPTING SIMILAR EFFORT TO EXPLAIN NEW US GSP, AS  
SUGGESTED PARA 4 REFTEL.  
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